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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Vadiraja Murthy and Edward R. Burns
Serial No. : 08/746,635
Filed : November 13, 1996
For : METHOD FOR DETECTING HEMOLYSIS
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**NOTICE OF APPEAL AND PETITION FOR
TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal the final rejection to Claim 20 as set forth in the Office Action issued on May 24, 2000 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the May 24, 2000 Office Action was due on August 24, 2000, and applicants timely filed a response to the Office Action on August 18, 2000. Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time to file the Notice of Appeal. A check in the amount of \$350 is enclosed to cover the \$155 Notice of Appeal fee and the \$195 two month extension of time, both for a small entity. Applicants' status as a small entity has been previously established and is still proper. Accordingly, the application is pending as of October 24, 2000 for purposes of filing this Notice of Appeal.

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If any additional fee is required to preserve the pendency of the subject application, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

Respectfully submitted,

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